scanner	:	raelous
translator	:	sora
proof.reader	:	lostfamo1
cleaner	:	salamanderdeads
type.setter	:	giseku-chan
quality.checker	:	k4gh

WHAT DO YOU MEAN
THERE'S NO MORE TO READ?
BUT I WAS JUST GETTING INTO IT!
I DEMAND THAT YOU HURRY UP AND RELEASE MORE!
COME ON
DON'T YOU GUYS JUST SLAP A BUNCH OF TEXT ONTO A PAGE?
I bet they're just lazy.
Hmm
http://shinmon.net
NO. THERE'S TRANSLATING, CLEANING, EDITING, TYPESETTING, QUALITY CHECKING, ETC.
It's a lot of work.
BUT WE'RE SHORT ON STAFF. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO GET SCANS OUT ANY QUICKER.
I WOULD LIKE TO
What??
That blows.
Mutter Mutter
Optimistic
I KNOW!
IF WE CAN GET MORE PEOPLE TO HELP, THEN ALL OF US CAN ENJOY FASTER SCANS.
YEAH! I'M GOING TO APPLY NOW!
And you should too!
IT TAKES TIME?

Happy Easter!

Even though this is
an evil holiday,
we hope everyone
enjoys their time
with family.
-The Shunnen staff

CHAPTER 24

INSIDE, SHE'S JUST A NORMAL GIRL.
...PLEASE, DON'T INVOLVE YOURSELVES WITH SONODA ANYMORE.

ITCHY!

Th—
This bastard!
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
ITCHY, ITCHY, ITCHY!
STOP IT!
I CAN'T STAND THAT SORT OF STUFF! I'LL BREAK OUT IN HIVES!
KNEELING BEFORE US
JUST FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
IS THAT WHAT THEY CALL SELF-SACRIFICE? SHEESH...
BATATA
BATATA
ISN'T 'LOVE' SOMETHING PEOPLE DO FOR THEIR OWN SAKES?
AND THEN ONE DAY THEY FIND THEMSELVES BOUND BY IT

WHAT'S WRONG WITH GETTING ALL PASSIONATE!?
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT! YOU'RE ALWAYS SO COLD, OR MAYBE YOU'RE JUST MODERNIZED.
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT!?
WHAT DO YOU—
KAGETORA!!
I'M TOUCHED!
A TRUE MAN!
I THINK THIS SORT OF GUY WHO IS WILLING TO GO THIS FAR ALL FOR THE SAKE OF THE WOMAN HE LOVES IS BRILLIANT!
YOU TOO!
CLENCH
I LIKE YOU!
YOU'RE A GOOD GUY!
SONODA NEIRO IS UNFORGIVABLE.
JUUGO-KUN, ARE YOU FINE WITHOUT TAKING REVENGE FOR YOUR FRONT TOOTH?
CRACK

ARE YOU STUPID!? YOU'RE BEING FOOLED BY THIS TATTOO GUY!
GRIND
DON'T CALL A WESTERN JAPAN PERSON STUPID!
GRIND
It hurts us!
GRIND
...FIVE HITS
IF BLONDIE HERE CAN WITHSTAND FIVE HITS FROM JUUGO-KUN WITHOUT COLLAPSING,
WE'LL FORGET ABOUT SONODA NEIRO...HOW'S THAT?

THAT'S...!
...PROMISE,
...THAT AFTER THIS, YOU'LL NEVER GO NEAR SONODA AGAIN

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SFX: Bam
KAMIKAZE
...FINE.
I PROMISE.
JUUGO-KUN WAS THE OSAKA REPRESENTATIVE FOR BOXING IN HIS HIGH SCHOOL DAYS. AFTER
...THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. HE'LL COLLAPSE FROM ONE BLOW...
SHISSHIN
TOKIO...

YOU...!
DON'T LOOK AWAY NOW.
SHOW ME THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE, BLONDIE ♥
SFX. BASH

!!
COUGH
COUGH
FIRST HIT.
KAMIKAZE

1-0
1ST PUNCH
SECOND HIT!!
SMASH
THIRD HIT!!

SFX SPLASH
SFX CRUSH
PANT
GASP
wiggle

HE HAS MORE GUTS THAN I THOUGHT..
THAT'S WHY IT FEELS ITCHY...

...I DON'T
IT HURTS.
IT HURTS.
IT HURTS.
IT HURTS.
IT HURTS.

SFX: CRASH
GASP
FOURTH HIT!
IT'D BE A THOUSAND TIMES BETTER IF I GOT HIT!
TOKIO!

STAY BACK! MORON!
IS SHE AROUND HERE!?
WHY...!?

"I WANT TO PROTECT THE GIRL I LOVE"
EVEN THOUGH I WAS HAPPY
I WAS SO, SO HAPPY
IT HURTS.
IT HURTS SO MUCH TO BE PROTECTED.

I'LL GIVE IT ALL I'VE GOT
IT WON'T END WITH JUST YOUR KNEES COLLAPSING, PUNK
I...
WHATEVER,
THE NEXT WILL BE THE LAST
FIFTH...!

SFX: GRAB

DON'T GET FULL OF YOURSELF,
YOU OLD-FASHIONED MULLET HEAD...
SONODA NEIRO!

SFX: PUNCH
SFX: FLY
TOKIO! ARE YOU ..
BOSS!
YOU IDIOT! WHY'D YOU COME!?
EVERYTHING WOULD'VE BEEN OVER ONCE I'D BEEN HIT FOR THE FIFTH TIME!

THE IDIOT...
IS YOU!
SFX: WALLOP
FIFTH HIT!!!
UGH!
HUH...? WHERE AM I?
I DON'T WANT THAT!
It didn't even make his knees collapse!
It seems more painful than the ones from Boss!

I CAN'T STAND KEEPING SILENT WHILE WATCHING YOU GET BEATEN UP LIKE THAT!
I CAN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE, "BE PROTECTED"

I CAN'T BE A PROPER GIRL.
STY. HEAVE
だー
HOW SAY
Monster
AH!
AFTER THEM!
throw
throw
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I CAN DO.
STAY THERE.

I'LL PROTECT YOU WITH MY LIFE.

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